negative electrode capable of occluding and releasing lithium ions and furthermore at least one kind of metal elements selected from the group consisting of lithium, calcium, magnesium, sodium and potassium is added.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 10-24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Another aspect of the present invention is to provide a method for producing the graphite powder for negative electrodes of lithium ion secondary cells, which method comprises the steps of adding graphite powder into an aqueous solution of a surface active effect material; dispersing the mixture with stirring; then filtering and drying the mixture, thereby obtaining the graphite material, in which 0.01 to 10 wt.% on the basis of the graphite material, of a surface active effect materials are adsorbed or coated. The above surface active effect material is, as described above, at least one member selected from the group consisting of starch derivatives having a basic structure of $C_6H_{10}O_5$, viscous polysaccharides having a basic structure of $C_6H_{10}O_5$, water-soluble cellulose derivatives having a basic structure of $C_6H_{10}O_5$ and water-soluble synthetic resins and the above graphite powder is exemplified by natural graphite, artificial graphite, kish graphite, mesophase carbon micro-beads (MCMB), mesophase carbon micro-fiber (MCF) and resin carbonized graphite which are able to occlude and release lithium ions.